

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2015
7:00 PM – Room A**

PRESENT: D. Mitchell Eaffy, Chandler Paquette, Allan D. Walker, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Joni Cullan, Jeffrey Gordon, Diane Miller, WINY, Kevin Withers

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Paquette moved to add the following as Item 2a: Accept the Resignation of Richard Woodward from the Camp Nahaco Park Commission effective August 17, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Approve the Minutes of August 6, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

Eaffy moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2a. Accept the Resignation of Richard Woodward from the Camp Nahaco Park Commission effective August 17, 2015

Paquette moved to accept the resignation of Richard Woodward from the Camp Nahaco Park Commission effective August 17, 2015. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Review the Planning and Zoning Commission's Proposed Update to PA-490

Walker explained that Jeffrey Gordon, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, was at the meeting to review the Commission's request for the Selectmen to consider a revision in the town's requirements to PA-490. Currently, land owners must have a minimum of 2.5 acres of open space to be eligible for PA-490 benefits. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to increase the minimum acreage necessary to 10 acres and that it would not be retroactive. This means that all land currently in PA-490 would be grandfathered. The updated POCD document contains this language and was reviewed by the Town Attorney. The Selectmen asked questions, i.e., the review schedule, grandfathering current PA-490 participants, whether there is an allowable cap of time. The Selectmen will talk with the Town Attorney for clarification before making a decision to bring it to a town meeting.

4. Tax Rebates

None.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

None.

6. Citizen's Comments

Kevin Withers asked if the dirt section of Smith Road could be paved since it is designated as a scenic road. The Selectmen reported a petition was sent in and an application was submitted by a resident requesting that Planning and Zoning Commission consider the approval to chip seal the dirt section of Smith Road. Even if a road is a scenic road, the town is allowed to address any safety issues to improve its condition. He also asked if the 10 acre minimum being discussed earlier in the meeting needed to be continuous acres or could they be part of a total of 10 acres. The answer was that it needs to be a minimum of a 10 acre continuous parcel of open space land.

Diane Miller asked if the water is tested at the beach on Pond Factory Road. The water is tested weekly. She said she brought her grandchildren to the beach. She complimented the Selectmen in having a very nice town beach. It was clean and the water was very nice.

Chandler Paquette expressed how proud he was of Bungay Fire Department for the work they did in preventing a very serious situation from happening in the water. They received a call for help when the driver of a boat pulling two children on a raft went overboard and the boat continued to run, circling around the two children. One of the firemen jumped into the boat and turned it off making the rescues possible.

7. Adjournment

Eaffy moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Cullan, Recording Clerk